

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

WOMBLE CARLYLE SANDRIDGE &
RICE, LLP,

Defendant.

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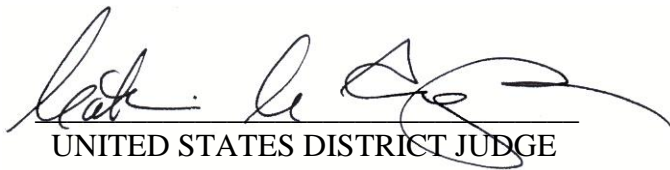
This matter is before the Court on defendant's Motion for Sanctions. (Doc. 17.) The Magistrate Judge recommended that the Court grant the motion (Doc. 24) and ultimately awarded monetary sanctions against the plaintiff in the amount of \$22,900. (Doc. 37.) The plaintiff filed timely objections to the amount of the sanction. (Doc. 38.)

It is **ORDERED** that:

1. The defendant's Motion for Sanctions (Doc. 17) is **GRANTED** for the reasons stated in the Recommendation (Doc. 24) and in the amount found in the Order (Doc. 37) entered by the Magistrate Judge;
2. The plaintiff's objections (Doc. 38) to the Magistrate Judge's Order (Doc. 37) are **OVERRULED**; and

3. Within 120 days, the plaintiff shall pay to the defendant the sum of \$22,900 to reimburse the defendant for its reasonable expenses incurred in attempting to conduct additional discovery regarding mitigation of damages and in bringing its motion for sanctions.

This the 29th day of April, 2014.



UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE